

Application No. 09/681,596
Amendment dated September 25, 2003
Reply to Office Action of June 26, 2003

REMARKS

Pursuant to the above-noted Office Action, claim 20 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) given Diehl (U.S. Patent No. 5,642,698) in view of "EP ('165)." The applicant is unable to further identify the EP ('165) reference. Such an indicator does not appear to correlate to any of the references that are previously of record in this matter. The applicant suspects that either a new reference has been intended for inclusion in the record but was not submitted or otherwise identified or the Examiner intends to refer to a prior cited reference but mistakenly utilized the "165" identifier.

In any event, the applicant respectfully requests entry of a new Office Action that includes either a correct identifier and/or the intended reference as appropriate. The applicant also respectfully requests that a new time for responding be set in order to permit the applicant appropriate time to consider the intended reference.

Respectfully submitted,

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